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PROCESSING SYSTEM USING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, top of page, remove the heading "SPECIFICATION";  
line 4, change the heading "FIELD OF ARTS" to --FIELD OF  
THE INVENTION--;

line 11, change the heading "PRIOR ARTS" to --  
BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION";  
lines 12-17, delete in their entirety and replace with the following:

Conventional joysticks are structured to detect in which direction and to what degree an operating member thereof is inclined. The "home" or neutral position to which the operating member returns when not operated by an operator is the origin point from which inclination of the operating member is measured. Because the

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